

Weeks, Secretary of the Navy Edwin Denby, General of the Armies John J. Pershing, USA, Admiral Robert E. Coontz, CNO, and Major General John A. Lejeune, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps;

Whereas the USS Olympia fired a 21-gun salute, buglers on board sounded attention, and the boatswain piped the Unknown Soldier over the side, the ship's band playing the "Funeral March", followed by the national anthem;

Whereas the 3rd Cavalry Regiment's band played "Onward Christian Soldiers" as the procession, escorted by cavalry troopers, made its way toward the United States Capitol and additional ceremonies, culminating in interring the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery on November 11, 1921; and

Whereas, since 1948, soldiers from 3rd United States Infantry Regiment headquartered at Fort Myer, Virginia, have stood guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier: Now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice Treaty;

(2) expresses gratitude and appreciation to the members of the Armed Forces who participated in World War I operations;

(3) honors the memory of the fallen heroes who wore the uniforms of the Armed Forces during World War I;

(4) commends the crew of the USS Olympia for their role in transporting the unknown soldier home to the United States; and

(5) commends the soldiers from the 3rd United States Infantry Regiment for standing guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier every day for 70 years, regardless of weather conditions be they rain, sleet, or snow.

SENATE RESOLUTION 746—CALLING FOR A PROMPT MULTINATIONAL FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION OPERATION IN THE BLACK SEA AND URGING THE CANCELLATION OF THE NORD STREAM 2 PIPELINE

Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. COONS, Mr. RISCH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SASSE, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. DONNELLY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. JONES, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. PETERS, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. COTTON, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. THUNE, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CRUZ, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. CORKER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. TOOMEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BURR, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. PERDUE, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CARPER, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. CASEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 746

Whereas, in late February 2014, the Russian Federation invaded and illegally occupied

Ukraine's Crimean peninsula, in full contravention of the United Nations Charter and the Helsinki Final Act, which condemn the threat or use of force as means of altering international borders;

Whereas the Russian Federation's attempted illegal annexation of Crimea is also a direct violation of its pledges as a signatory to the 1994 Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances to respect Ukraine's sovereignty and existing borders and to refrain from the threat or use of force against Ukraine;

Whereas the inclusion of the United States and the United Kingdom as signatories to the Budapest Memorandum was essential in order to provide Ukraine the security assurances needed to give up its nuclear arsenal;

Whereas, on November 25, 2018, military forces of the Russian Federation attacked and seized three Ukrainian Navy vessels and their crews as they attempted to transit the Kerch Strait between the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov;

Whereas the Government of the Russian Federation still has not released the Ukrainian crew members or returned the Ukrainian ships that were seized illegally;

Whereas European Commissioner Julian King stated that the Government of the Russian Federation launched a disinformation campaign over a year ago designed to paint Ukraine and NATO as provocateurs in the Kerch Strait;

Whereas, as part of the Russian Federation disinformation campaign, Russian state media outlets spread demonstrable falsehoods, including claims that Ukraine was dredging the Kerch Strait seabed to facilitate the stationing of a NATO fleet, that Ukraine had intentionally infected the sea with cholera, and that Ukrainian and British clandestine services were conspiring to destroy the Kerch Strait bridge with a nuclear weapon;

Whereas the United States has important national interests in the Black Sea region, including the security of three NATO littoral states, the promotion of European energy market diversification by ensuring unfettered European access to energy exporters in the Caucasus and central Asia, and combating use of the region by smugglers as a conduit for trafficking in persons, narcotics, and arms;

Whereas the Nord Stream 2 pipeline is a proposed underwater natural gas pipeline project that would provide an additional 55,000,000,000 cubic meters of pipeline capacity from the Russian Federation to the Federal Republic of Germany through the Baltic Sea;

Whereas the Russian Federation's state-owned oil and gas company, Gazprom, is the sole shareholder of the Nord Stream 2 project;

Whereas, in 2017, there was spare capacity of approximately 55,000,000,000 cubic meters in the Ukrainian gas transit system;

Whereas Gazprom cut off natural gas exports to Europe via Ukraine in 2006, and again in 2009, over supply and pricing disputes with Ukraine's state-owned oil and gas company, Naftogaz;

Whereas transit of Russian natural gas to Europe via Ukraine declined precipitously after the completion of Nord Stream 1 in 2011, falling from 80 percent to between 40 and 50 percent of Russia's total exports to Europe;

Whereas, in 2017, Russian gas accounted for 37 percent of Europe's natural gas imports, an increase of 5 percent over 2016;

Whereas, on December 12, 2018, the European Parliament overwhelmingly passed a resolution condemning both the Russian Federation's aggression in the Kerch Strait

and the construction of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline; and

Whereas, on December 11, 2018, the United States House of Representatives passed a resolution calling upon the European Union to reject the Nord Stream 2 pipeline and urging the President to use all available means to promote energy policies in Europe that reduce European reliance on Russian energy exports: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) calls upon the President to work with United States allies to promptly lead a robust multinational freedom of navigation operation in the Black Sea to help demonstrate support for internationally recognized borders, bilateral agreements, and safe passage through the Kerch Strait and Sea of Azov and to push back against excessive Russian Federation claims of sovereignty;

(2) calls upon the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to enhance allied maritime presence and capabilities, including maritime domain awareness and coastal defense in the Black Sea in order to support Freedom of Navigation Operations and allied interests;

(3) urges the President to use the authority provided under section 1234 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115-91; 131 Stat. 1659) to enhance the capability of the Ukrainian military;

(4) urges the President, through the Departments of State and Defense, to provide additional security assistance to Ukraine, especially to strengthen Ukraine's maritime capabilities, in order to improve deterrence and defense against further Russian aggression;

(5) reiterates that the President is required by statute to impose mandatory sanctions on the Russian Federation under the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (Public Law 115-44);

(6) stresses that sanctions against the Russian Federation are a direct result of the actions of the Government of the Russian Federation and will continue and increase until there is an appropriate change in Russian behavior;

(7) calls upon United States allies and partners in Europe to deny Russian Navy vessels access to their ports to resupply and refuel;

(8) notes the resolution passed by the House of Representatives on December 11, 2018, calling on European governments to cancel the Nord Stream 2 pipeline and urging the President to support European energy security through a policy of reducing reliance on the Russian Federation;

(9) applauds and concurs with the European Parliament's December 12, 2018, resolution condemning Russian aggression in the Kerch Strait and the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, calling for the pipeline's cancellation due to its threat to European energy security, and calling on the Russian Federation to guarantee freedom of navigation in the Kerch Strait; and

(10) urges the President to continue working with Congress and our allies to ensure the appropriate policies to deter the Russian Federation from further aggression.

SENATE RESOLUTION 747—RECOGNIZING THE OPENING OF THE NONSECTARIAN MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., THE ONLY MUSEUM OF ITS SIZE AND SCOPE IN THE WORLD DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE BIBLE

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. RISCH, Mr.

ROUNDS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BURR, Mr. PERDUE, and Mr. ENZI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 747

Whereas the Bible has played a prominent role in the culture of the United States and has been a significant influence throughout the history of our nation;

Whereas, in 1956, Congress passed a Joint Resolution adopting “In God We Trust” as the official motto of the United States;

Whereas, in 1982, Congress passed the Joint Resolution entitled “Joint Resolution authorizing and requesting the President to proclaim 1983 as the ‘Year of the Bible’” (Public Law 97-280), finding that the Bible “has made a unique contribution in shaping the United States as a distinctive and blessed nation and people”;

Whereas, on November 17, 2017, the Museum of the Bible opened a 430,000 square foot nonprofit museum in Washington, D.C., 3 blocks from the Capitol, and will be free to all visitors;

Whereas the Museum of the Bible is a non-sectarian institution that does not promote any faith or denomination;

Whereas, in 2014, the architectural concept submission for the Museum of the Bible was approved by the Commission of Fine Arts, the local Washington, D.C., Advisory Neighborhood Commission, and the Historic Preservation Review Board, and the primary building of the Museum of the Bible was awarded historical status by the Historic Preservation Review Board;

Whereas the Museum of the Bible will have 3 primary exhibit floors focused on the history, narrative, and impact of the Bible;

Whereas the entrance to the Museum of the Bible will feature 2 40-foot-tall bronze panels that contain the first lines of Genesis in Latin, as originally printed in the Gutenberg Bible, and art glass panels featuring a papyrus containing the 19th psalm; and

Whereas the Museum of the Bible is an innovative, global, nonsectarian educational institution the purpose of which is to permit all people to engage with the Bible: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That Congress—

(1) recognizes the opening of the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C., the first nonsectarian museum of its kind in the capital of the United States focused exclusively on the history, narrative, and impact of the Bible; and

(2) commends the leadership, staff, scholars, designers, construction workers, and volunteers who worked tirelessly to realize the goal of opening a museum, free to the public, with the nonsectarian purpose of “inviting all people to engage with the Bible”.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn to then convene for pro forma session only with no business being conducted on Thursday, January 3, at 11:50 a.m. and that the Senate adjourn until it next convenes at 12 noon on Thursday, January 3, pursuant to the Constitution; further, that following the prayer and pledge and following the presentation of the certificates of election and the swearing in of elected Members and the required live quorum, the morning hour be deemed expired,

the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; and further, that following leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019, AT 11:50 A.M.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:40 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, January 3, 2019, at 11:50 a.m.

DISCHARGED NOMINATIONS

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination by unanimous consent and the nomination was confirmed:

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH REAR ADM. (LH) MATTHEW T. BELL, JR. AND ENDING WITH REAR ADM. (LH) ANTHONY J. VOGT, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MAY 17, 2018.

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations by unanimous consent and the nominations were confirmed:

BRIAN T. MORAN, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

ROBERT S. BREWER, JR., OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

MATTHEW J. SCHNEIDER, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

NICHOLAS A. TRUTANICH, OF NEVADA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

JOHN C. MILHISER, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

DAVID L. ANDERSON, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

LAWRENCE KEEFE, OF FLORIDA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

AARON L. WEISMAN, OF RHODE ISLAND, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations by unanimous consent and the nominations were confirmed:

DENNY WADE KING, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

TODD L. NUKES, OF INDIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

MICHAEL S. YEAGER, OF GEORGIA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

MARK B. SHEPHERD, OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

JOHN M. GARRISON, OF TEXAS, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations by unanimous consent and the nominations were confirmed:

DANIEL B. MAFFEI, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSIONER FOR A TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2022.

L. E. SOLA, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSIONER FOR A TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2023.

The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations by unanimous consent and the nominations were confirmed:

JOHNATHAN BRAGG, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 28, 2019.

JOHNATHAN BRAGG, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 28, 2024.

THOMAS JAYNE, OF MISSOURI, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 28, 2023.

The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination by unanimous consent and the nomination was confirmed:

ALEXANDRA DAPOLITO DUNN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate January 2, 2019:

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

BRENDAN CARR, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS FROM JULY 1, 2018.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

PATRICK FUCHS, OF WISCONSIN, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

GEOFFREY ADAM STARKS, OF KANSAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS FROM JULY 1, 2017.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DANIEL SIMMONS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY).

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ELLEN E. MCCARTHY, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH).

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

MARTIN J. OBERMAN, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2023.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

MARY BRIDGET NEUMAYR, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

TERI L. DONALDSON, OF TEXAS, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.

THE JUDICIARY

CARMEN GUERRICAGOTIA MCLEAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

KELVIN DROEGEMEIER, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

JOEL SZABAT, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

RAE OLIVER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

JAMES W. CARROLL, JR., OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

TAMARA BONZANTO, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (OFFICE